

Remarks

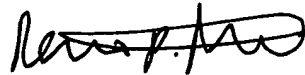
Claims 1-121 are pending. By this amendment, claims 6, 8-11, 13-22, 30, 32-35, 37-51, 62, 69, 71-74, 76-85, 94-97 and 99-115 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 2, 24, 52-54, 65-68, 70, 75, 86, 91, 92 and 121 have been amended without introducing new matter. Claims 1-5, 7, 12, 23-29, 31, 36, 52-61, 63-68, 70, 75, 86-93, 98 and 116-121 remain pending.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1441 of any fees associated with this communication.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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